

## DISASTER

Loans for Homeowners, Renters and Businesses of All

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## SBA Disaster Loan Outreach Center in Saline County Closes April 5

**ATLANTA** – The U.S. Small Business Administration announced today that due to a steady decrease of activity, the Disaster Loan Outreach Center located in Saline County, Illinois will cease operations on **Thursday, April 5 at 5 p.m**.

The Small Business Administration urges those affected by the the severe storms and tornadoes that occurred from Feb. 29 through Mar. 2, 2012 to visit the Center between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. before the closing to obtain one-on-one assistance and information about the disaster assistance program. The Center is located at:

## **Saline County**

Workforce & Illinois Small Business Development Center (Old National Bank 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor) Southeastern Illinois College 2 East Locust Street, Suite 200 Harrisburg, Illinois 62946

Closing: Thursday, April 5 at 5 p.m.

Individuals and businesses unable to visit the Center in person may obtain information and loan applications by calling the SBA's Customer Service Center at 1-800-659-2955 (1-800-877-8339 for the deaf and hard-of-hearing), or by sending an email to <a href="mailto:disastercustomerservice@sba.gov">disastercustomerservice@sba.gov</a>. Loan applications can also be downloaded from <a href="www.sba.gov">www.sba.gov</a>. Completed applications should be returned to the Center or mailed to: U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

Those affected by the disaster may also apply for disaster loans electronically from SBA's website at <a href="https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/">https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela/</a>.

Interest rates are as low as 1.875 percent for homeowners and renters, 3 percent for non-profit organizations and 4 percent for businesses with terms up to 30 years. Loan amounts and terms are set by the SBA and are based on each applicant's financial condition.

The filing deadline to return applications for physical property damage is <u>May 21, 2012</u>. The deadline to return economic injury applications is **December 24, 2012**.

For more information about the SBA's Disaster Loan Program, visit our website at www.sba.gov.